IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION ATTORNEY DKT No: 5233.009.NPUS01

OF: WARE ET AL. CONFIRMATION NO.: 1673

SERIAL NO. 10/707,674 GROUP ART UNIT: 1657

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TITLE: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR REDUCING THE

PATHOGEN CONTENT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir,

In response to the non-final office action mailed on May 9, 2007, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicants' remarks below.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.